

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Abstract

The abstract has been amended in accordance with the guidelines set forth on page 2 of the Official Action.

2. Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 12, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 24, and 27 Under 35 USC §112, 2nd Paragraph

This rejection has been addressed by:

- adopting each of the suggested amendments to claim 1 (which all have to do with antecedence errors);
- amending claim 1 to clarify that the term traders includes buyers and sellers, and deleting the reference to users from claim 2, which has been incorporated into claim 1, as well as from claim 29;
- amending claim 1 to positively recite the exchange server, thereby providing antecedent basis for the subsequent recitation of the exchange server in claim 6; and
- correcting each of the antecedence errors noted on pages 3-5 of the Official Action with respect to claims 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 27.

3. Rejection of Claims 1, 3, 8-11, and 13-16 Under 35 USC §101

This rejection has been rendered moot by the amendment of claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2. Claim 2 was indicated as allowable on page 6 of the Official Action.

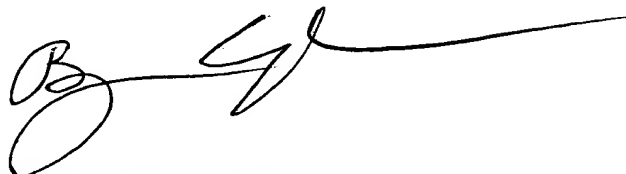
In addition, it is respectfully noted that claim 1 has also been amended to refer to the “exchange server,” which is a specific technology.

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Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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